

Sunday, February 15, 2026
Transfiguration of Our Lord



"This is my son the beloved; with him I am well pleased.

Listen to him." Matthew 17:5

Holy Communion Lutheran Church
A community called to Worship, Learn, Love and Serve.
2000 West Sixth Street Racine, Wisconsin

Special thanks to greeter Sally Neitzel, lector and communion assistant Roger Degerman, AV technicians Barb Salvo and Asia Doidge, ushers Jim Buhler, Todd Jansen, Tim Krikau, and Gary Wee, altar guild Cindy Myhre and Lynn Riekkoff, coffee fellowship Shelley Lussmyer, councilperson in charge Joleen Carlson, the Senior Choir, and our musicians and Gregory Berg for sharing their time and talent with us today.

*Please stand, if you are able, where there is an asterisk * in the bulletin.*

PRELUDE (A quiet time of reflection, to prepare for worship.)

***GATHERING SONG**

O the Joy

Gregory Berg



O the Joy! O the Joy in know-ing Je - sus. Let us strive to know the Lord. God will re-
ply like show-ers in the Spring-time as sure-ly as the morn - ing dawn. O the
Joy in know-ing Je - sus. Let us strive to know the Lord. God will re - ply like
show-ers in the Spring-time as sure - ly as the morn - ing dawn. God does not de-sire burnt
of-fer-ings. God does not de-sire our sac-ri-fice. God most de-sires our hearts and lives so
that is what we bring, and that is why we sing: "O the Joy!" O the Joy in know-ing Je - sus.
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***CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God,
the Creator of heaven and earth,
the Word who spoke life into being,
the Wind stirring the waters.

Amen.

Let us turn in confession to the one who knows us completely.

Mighty God, lover of justice,
you call us to life in community,
but we have served our own interests
at the expense of our neighbors.
We have sown deceit where honesty was needed.
We say the right words,
but our hearts are far from you.
Turn us to seek your face.
Knit us together and give us the mind of Christ,
that we may do justice, love mercy,
and walk humbly with you, our God.
Amen.

The former things have passed away,
and new things God now declares:
Like a spring of water that never fails,
God covers you in the righteousness of Christ,
and forgives your sin in ✝ Jesus' name.
May the Spirit give you strength to live for others,
and bless you with the gift of peace.
Amen.

***GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

***KYRIE**

Leader: Let us join as - one as we pray to the Lord, Congregation: **Lord have mer - cy.** For the

peace from a - bove and for our sal - va - tion, **Lord have mer -**

cy. For this ho - ly house and for all who in faith gath - er to wor - ship in this place, that

we may be - hold a - glimpse of your face, **Lord have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy,**

Christ have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy. That all of the world may

know your peace, **Lord have mer - cy.** That the poor be re - stored and the

bound re - leased, **Lord have mer - cy.** That the life of the church may be

strong and se - cure anchored and cen - tered - sole - ly on you, and for gui - dance and grace in all that we do,

Lord have mer - cy. Lord have mer - cy, Christ have mer - cy, Lord have mer - cy.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

leader

Lord God of pow - er and might, hea-ven and earth are

congregation

Lord God of pow - er and might, hea-ven and earth are

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full of your glo - ry. Lord God of pow - er and might,

full of your glo - ry. Lord God of pow - er and might,

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hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. *Fine* Glo - ry, Maj - e - sty, and

(Lord God, Heaven-ly King the

hea-ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. *Fine* Glo - ry, Maj - e - sty,

(Lord God, Heaven-ly King,

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Praise to Thee be gi - ven. Christ who takes a -

on - ly Son of the Fa - ther)

and Praise to Thee be gi - ven. Christ who takes

the on - ly Son of the Fa - ther)

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way our sin have mer - cy up - on us. *D.C. al Fine*

a - way our sin have mer - cy up - on us. *D.C. al Fine*

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray.

**O God, in the transfiguration of your Son
you confirmed the mysteries of the faith
by the witness of Moses and Elijah,
and in the voice from the bright cloud
declaring Jesus your beloved Son,
you foreshadowed our adoption as your children.
Make us heirs with Christ of your glory,
and bring us to enjoy its fullness,
through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever.
Amen.**

ANTHEM *“Holy, Holy, You Are Holy”* A Rwandan hymn Senior Choir

1. Heaven opened to Isaiah, showing him God's glorious throne.
Lord of Might, high and exalted, temple flowing from His robe.
Seraphim flow all around Him, humbled at the holy sight
As they circled they were singing, calling out with all their might:

REFRAIN: Holy, Holy, You are holy. Every angel voice proclaims.
All the earth reflects Your glory. Every tongue sings out your praise.

2. Seraphim continue singing. Cherubim still lift their praise.
Earth and all its creatures worship. Moon and stars are still amazed.
Now above creation's chorus comes another fervent cry-
All of earth's redeemed are singing "Glory to the Lord on high!" REF.

3. One day heaven will be opened - and before the Savior's throne
Saints from every time and nation will begin their endless song. REF.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE Lisa Lequia

NOISY OFFERING

CHILDREN AND YOUTH MAY GO TO CHOIR

WORD

FIRST READING: Exodus 24:12-18

¹² The LORD said to Moses, “Come up to me on the mountain and wait there; I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment, which I have written for their instruction.”

¹³ So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua, and Moses went up onto the mountain of God. ¹⁴ To the elders he had said, “Wait here for us, until we come back to you. Look, Aaron and Hur are with you; whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

¹⁵ Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain. ¹⁶ The glory of the LORD settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days; on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud. ¹⁷ Now the appearance of the glory of the LORD was like a devouring fire on the top of the mountain in the sight of the Israelites. ¹⁸ Moses entered the cloud and went up on the mountain. Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM: Psalm 99

¹ The LORD is king; let the people tremble.

The LORD is enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth shake.

² **The LORD, great in Zion,
is high above all peoples.**

³ Let them confess God’s name, which is great and awesome;
God is the Holy One.

⁴ **O mighty king, lover of justice, you have established equity;
you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.**

⁵ Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and fall down before God’s footstool;
God is the Holy One.

⁶ **Moses and Aaron among your priests,
and Samuel among those who call upon your name, O LORD,
they called upon you, and you answered them,**

⁷ you spoke to them out of the pillar of cloud;
they kept your testimonies and the decree that you gave them.

⁸ **O LORD our God, you answered them indeed;
you were a God who forgave them, yet punished them for their evil deeds.**

⁹ Proclaim the greatness of the LORD and worship upon God’s holy hill;
for the LORD our God is the Holy One.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*GOSPEL: Matthew 17:1-9

The holy gospel according to Matthew, the seventeenth chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹ Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. ² And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became bright as light. ³ Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.

⁴ Then Peter said to Jesus, "Lord, it is good for us to be here; if you wish, I will set up three tents here, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah." ⁵ While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!" ⁶ When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear. ⁷ But Jesus came and touched them, saying, "Get up and do not be afraid." ⁸ And when they raised their eyes, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

⁹ As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them, "Tell no one about the vision until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead."

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON Pastor Mark Doidge

CHILDREN RETURN TO WORSHIP

Beautiful Savior

1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,

Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright in the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!

Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,

light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

Text: *Gesangbuch*, Münster, 1677; tr. Joseph A. Seiss, 1823–1904
 Music: SCHÖNSTER HERR JESU, Silesian folk tune, 19th cent.

*APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.
He descended into hell.
On the third day he rose again.
He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

*INVITATION SONG

Leader: Come to the ta - ble of the... Congregation: Come to the ta - ble of the Lord to the ta - ble of the...

Come to the ta - ble of the Lord.

Leader: 1. Wine is poured and bread is bro - ken.
2. Have no fear or hes - i - ta - tion,

Words of Institution are spoken here

Hear the gos - pel and pro - mise spo - ken.
Come with hope and ex - pec - ta - tion.

All: Come as fam - 'ly friends and neigh - bors. Come en - count - er Christ the Sa - vior.

Leader: Come to the ta - ble of the... Congregation: Come to the ta - ble of the

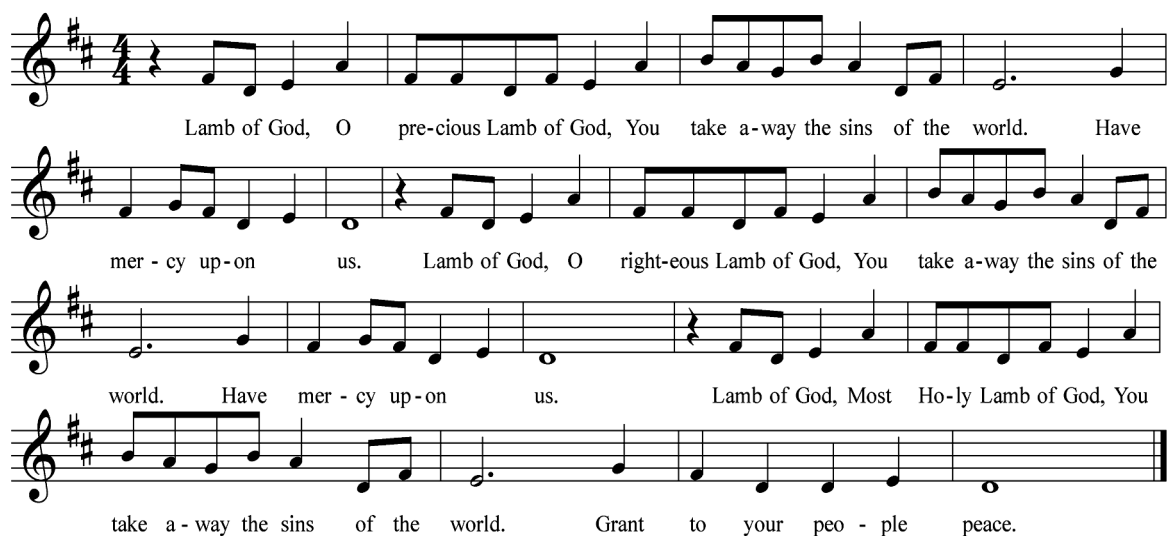
Lord. to the ta - ble of the... Come to the ta - ble of the Lord.

***LORD'S PRAYER**

Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name,
thy kingdom come, thy will be done,
on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom,
and the power,
and the glory,
forever and ever.
Amen.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG



Lamb of God, O pre-cious Lamb of God, You take a-way the sins of the world. Have
mer - cy up-on us. Lamb of God, O right-eous Lamb of God, You take a-way the sins of the
world. Have mer - cy up-on us. Lamb of God, Most Ho-ly Lamb of God, You
take a - way the sins of the world. Grant to your peo - ple peace.

***POST COMMUNION BLESSING**

The Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ,
strengthen you and keep you in His grace.
Amen.

*PEACE

The peace of the lord be with you always.

And also with you.

CHILDREN MAY GO TO SUNDAY SCHOOL

OFFERING

OFFERTORY



Thanks we bring to God a-bove for the bles-sings of His love, shown to us in count-less ways.

That is why we give our praise. Let us thank the Lord. Let us thank the Lord.

Bles-sings sim-ple, bles-sings grand come from God's al-might-y hand, far be-yond what we de-serve.

Let our thanks and praise be heard. Let us bless the Lord. Let us bless the Lord.

All we are and all we own comes from God and God a-lone!

All the bles-sings we re-ceive, far more than we can con-ceive, lead us then to give and share

with the need-y ev'-ry-where. Let us thank the Lord. Let us thank the Lord.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Let us pray.

Lord, You are Holy, and You make all things possible. To all who move through this life with arrogance and self-centeredness, teach the gift of humility. Help the mighty, the wealthy, the famous, and the proud - along with all of us - to see the true worth of being a servant - of living with a genuine concern for others and with kindness at the heart of all we say and do. Lord in your mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Lord, You are Holy, and You make all things possible. In you, walls of suspicion can be torn down and bridges of understanding can be built. Guide us as we seek deeper and more meaningful connection with one another, especially with those who see the world very differently than we do. Make us mindful of all that we share in common as human beings - and remind us of all we have to learn from one another. Lord in Your mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Lord, You are Holy, and You make all things possible. To all who move through this life with arrogance and self-centeredness, teach the gift of humility. Help the mighty, the wealthy, the famous, and the proud to seek life's truest treasures- and help all of us, whoever we may be, to seek what matters most - to live lives of love. Lord in Your mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Lord, You are Holy, and You make all things possible. Open our eyes and hearts to see and appreciate the needs of those who lack a home, those who are hungry, those who feel vulnerable or ostracized, or those who want to feel safe, secure, and welcome. Help us to be instruments of your grace and love for whoever longs for your gifts. Lord in your mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Lord, You are holy and You make all things possible. You share Your gifts of healing and restoration to all who need Your help. Draw close to all who are bowed down by any especially difficult burdens in mind or body this day. Today we name... Help them - and help those who care for them. Lord in your mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Lord, You are holy and You make all things possible. When the world seems impossibly dark, remind us of the power to be found in the light of love - and inspire us to embrace that light and to share it with everyone around us ... that in everything we do, everything we say, and in everything we are, people would see Your love and light. Lord in your mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Lord, You are holy and You make all things possible. Guide all of us in the Lenten journeys that we are about to begin. May it be a time for renouncing that which distracts us or weighs us down, that we might draw closer to You and to Your Holy Word, which is a lamp unto our feet and a light unto our path. Lord in your mercy,

HEAR OUR PRAYER.

Hear these spoken prayers and the unspoken prayers of our hearts, and bestow on us the gifts of your grace and mercy, through Christ our Lord.

AMEN.

BLESSING

May the triune God,
who has put a new song in your mouth
and tuned your heart for praise

✝ bless you now and forever.

Amen.

***CLOSING HYMN**

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Blessing and Honor

1 Bless-ing and hon - or and glo - ry and pow'r, wis - dom and
2 Let all the heav - ens sound forth Je - sus' name; let all the
3 Ev - er as - cend - ing the song and the joy, ev - er de -
4 Give we the glo - ry and praise to the Lamb! Take we the

rich - es and strength ev - er - more, be to the Lamb who our
earth sing his glo - ry and fame. O - cean and moun - tain, stream,
scend - ing the love from on high; bless - ing and hon - or and
robe and the harp and the palm; sing we the song of the

bat - tle has won, whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the
for - est, and flow'r ech - o his prais - es and tell of his
glo - ry and praise— this is the theme of the hymns that we
Lamb who was slain, dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to

throne; whose are the king - dom, the crown, and the throne!
pow'r; ech - o his prais - es and tell of his pow'r.
raise; this is the theme of the hymns that we raise.
reign; dy - ing in weak - ness and ris - ing to reign!

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889, alt.
Music: Matthias Keller, 1813–1875

AMERICAN HYMN
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***DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Do justice. Love mercy.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

Please join us in the lounge for coffee and fellowship.

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Announcements

Altar Flowers

The flowers on the altar this morning were given by Vicki Chavez and the Chavez family in loving memory of Domingo Chavez on his 10th anniversary in heaven.

Welcome Visitors!

A special welcome to any visitors worshipping with us this morning. Please fill out one of the yellow cards in the pew rack in front of you so we can acknowledge your visit with us. You can put your completed card into the offering plate or give it to an usher or a pastor before you leave. Please join us in the lounge after the worship service for a cup of coffee and a treat and a time of conversation and fellowship.

Communion By Intinction

All are welcome to come to the table for Communion. We offer Holy Communion through Intinction (dipping of the wafer into chalice of wine). There are also gluten free wafers and grape juice available in the center. If you feel more comfortable communing in your pew, there are individual wafer/juice cups available on the tables in the back of the sanctuary.

Ash Wednesday Worship

The season of Lent begins this Wednesday. We will have two worship services, at 9:30 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. The 7:00 p.m. service will be live-streamed on the HCLC Facebook page.

Lenten Worship

We hope you can join us on Wednesdays, February 25, March 4, 11, 18, and 25 for a meal at 6:00 p.m. and Lenten worship services at 7:00 p.m. The theme for worship this Lent is “ Out of Darkness into Light”.

Diaper Ministry

Thank you to Gary and Kathy Wee for sponsoring the Diaper Depot deliver in February. Please consider supporting the diaper ministry by sponsoring a month of Diaper Depot deliver for \$30. Our next distribution dates are February 25th from 4pm - 6pm and March 11th from 11am - 1pm. Contact Kylee Albright, kygregg@mac.com or Amy Larsen, amylarsen2406@att.net with any questions or to volunteer.

Food Pantry

The pantry is asking for donations of cereal, jelly, 1 lb. pkgs. of spaghetti, spaghetti sauce, tuna, and small condiments during February. They always need clean, lightly used plastic shopping bags, large brown paper grocery bags, and reusable shopping bags to packing groceries into. Thanks to all who contribute and to our volunteers. We couldn't do it without your help!

Blankets for the Hospitality Center

Do you have gently used blankets you no longer need? We are collecting them for the Hospitality Center at St. Luke's Episcopal Church to give out during the winter months. You can drop your blankets off in the church on Sunday morning or in the church office during the week.

Third Tuesday Bible Study

THIRD TUESDAY BIBLE STUDY will meet by Zoom on February 17th from 10:00 to 11:30. You may zoom individually or meet at Rondi Jenkins house: 6010 Potomac Place (262:884-7998). The discussion is based on Acts 8:14 to 9:31 which is written about in William Barclay, pages 76-88. It begins with the preaching of Peter and John and the conversion of the Ethiopian. Then the dramatic conversion of Saul from a persecutor of Christians to a committed witness of the faith. Without persecution, we too are challenged to be a witness. February 17th Julie Burton will lead a discussion by Zoom. Tune in at 10:00 on Tuesday.

Easter Plants

It is time to order your Easter plants. You can choose from are Easter Lilies, Tulips, Chrysanthemums, Hyacinths, and Royal Geraniums. Each plant is \$16.00. All orders must be in the office no later than Wednesday, March 4th to be guaranteed. There are order forms on the tables in the back of the sanctuary, in the Welcome Center, and the office.

March Ketchup Club

On March 3rd the Ketchup Club will meet for lunch at 11:30 at Dragon Pit BBQ, 322 6th St. These casual lunch gatherings are a great way to catch up with friends or make new ones. If you know you will be there, please let Pastor Laura or the office know, pastorlaura.hclc@gmail.com or office.hclc@gmail.com so we can make a reservation. If you suddenly find yourself free, please come join us and we will make room at the table for you.

Upcoming Worship, Education, Service, and Fellowship Opportunities

Sunday February 15 - 9:30 Worship/Sunday School
10:30 Confirmation Class
Monday February 16 - 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study
12:30 Food Pantry
Tuesday February 17 - 10:00 Third Tuesday Bible Study
Wednesday February 18 - 9:30 Ash Wednesday Worship Service
7:00 Ash Wednesday Worship Service
Friday February 20 - 12:30 Food Pantry
Sunday, February 22 - 9:30 Worship/Sunday School
Monday, February 23 - 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study
12:30 Food Pantry
Tuesday, February 24 - 1:00 Quilters
Wednesday, February 25 - 4:00 - 6:00 Diaper Ministry
6:00 Soup Supper
7:00 Lenten Worship
Friday, February 27 - 12:30 Food Pantry
Sunday, March 1 - 9:30 Worship/Sunday School
10:45 2nd - 5th Grade Youth Group
Monday, March 2 - 10:00 Monday Morning Bible Study
12:30 Food Pantry
Tuesday, March 3 - 11:30 Ketchup Club @ Dragon Pit BBQ
Wednesday, March 4 - 6:00 Soup Supper
7:00 Lenten Worship

Finance Update

December Finance Numbers

Revenue: \$99,335.58
Expense: \$48,603.09
Net Income: \$50,732.49

Year to Date Finance Numbers

Revenue: \$589,523.53
Expense: \$585,327.11
Net Income: \$4,196.42

In Person Attendance on Sunday, February 1, 2026 - 110 Households Worshipping Online - 30

Holy Communion Church Council

President Joleen Carlson , Vice President Gary Wood, Secretary Laurie Knudson, Treasurer Kylee Albright, Members at large: Rose Adamski, Steve Barootian, David Knudson, Rebecca Mason, and Polly Timmerman

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